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NEWS RELEASE

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On December 17, 2005, at approximately 4:45pm, San Antonio Police responded to the San Jose Apartments, located at 2914 Roosevelt for a family disturbance call. Dispatchers were told by a family member, that the suspect and his wife were at the location arguing. When officers arrived they were told the suspect fled the location to retrieve a gun. Upon initial investigation, it was found that a family violence had occurred and that the suspect had assaulted his spouse. Officers began to search the area for the suspect and located him near Padre & Villa Rojo. The suspect had exited his residence in the 5700 blk of Padre armed with a .44 magnum handgun. The suspect fired one round in the air as he exited his residence. As officers arrived in the area they began to take up positions and communicate with the armed suspect. The suspect fired one more round and jumped a fence onto Villa Rojo where he began to engage the officers. The suspect was yelling and screaming at the officers to shoot him. Officers kept retreating, but gave verbal commands for the suspect to drop the weapon. At one point during the incident, the suspect pointed his weapon at Officer Paul Armendariz, a 3 year veteran, forcing Officer Armendariz to fire his duty issued weapon several times. The suspect was struck in the chest and leg stopping his advance. EMS was called to the scene and the suspect was transported to Wilford Hall by Airline with non-life threatening injuries. Officers recovered the weapon at the scene.

The identity of suspect in custody will be withheld pending formal charges of Attempt Capital Murder and Felony Family Violence.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Armendariz will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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